way the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission are fixing support prices for various products;

(b) if so, what were the grounds on which the working of the ACPC was assailed, and

(c) whether any model formula has been laid down for the computation of the support prices by the ACPC if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) The Committee, constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh to go into the issues relating to declaring Agriculture as an Industry, has made certain observations in its Report on the methodology followed by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices in recommending Procurement/minimum prices for various crops.

(b) Committee has not agreed with the methodology followed by CACP in recommending procurement/minimum support prices of crops It has recommended that support price of farm products be linked to parity price, determined according to Principle of Parity, with base year 1970-71—180

(c) No, Sir

Supply of Drinking Water under International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

1132 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) what has been the impact of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD) on provfding safe-drinking water to villages in different States and Union Territories; and

(b) the expenditure incurred so far thereon State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) During the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD), 192,024 problem villages were covered in the Sixth Plan and 153,390 problem villages in the Seventh Plan with safe drinking water facilities As on 1 4 1990, there were 8332 problem villages which have spilled over to VIII Plan Out of these, 5170 problem villages are likely to be covered in 1990-91

(b) the expenditure incurred under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme and Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the Sixth Plan and the Seventh Plan and in 1990-91 so far is given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No 29)

Report of High Powered Committee on Farm Policies

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SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether a noted economist and a member of the High Powered Committee on farm policies has disassociated himself from the committee's report,

(b) if so on what grounds, and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE